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October 8,2002

Ms. Marlene H. Dortch Commission Secretary Federal Communications Commission 445-12th Street SW, CY-B402 Washington, DC 20554

Re: Proceeding # 02-306

To Whom It May Concern:

I was pleased to learn that SBC Pacific Bell has recently applied with the Federal Communications Commission to enter the long distance market in California. I encourage you to approve their application.

As a member of the State Assembly, I have fought for openness and competition in the California marketplace. I believe allowing competition in long distance services will benefit consumers, with more options and competitive prices.

Allowing expanded competition in our state's long distance market will help our economy and provide consumers with lower phone bills. I urge you to support SBC Pacific Bell's long distance application.

Sincerely,

TONY STRICKLAND Assemblyman, 37" District

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